

Highway News

Notes on California Roads Furnished by National Auto Club

The Wawona road, from either Fresno, Merced or Modera, offers excellent traveling into the Yosemite National Park. Those who drive into the park for the first time are advised to take this route, as the scenery is incomparable and the first view of the valley from Inspiration Point is well worth the trip itself.

From Fresno there is a choice of three roads—one by way of Auberry and North Fork, another by way of Friant, Bellview and O'Neals, and a third by way of Bates Station. They are all in good shape at the present time. From Modera there is a choice of the river road by way of Coarse Gold and Oakhurst, or the route via Richmond and Abwahnee. Both are good, but easier grades will be encountered on the river road. This route has recently been improved. Narrow points have been widened and dangerous curves have been straightened.

From Merced there is one road to Usoma and a short distance beyond. From this point the road divides, one branch going over Chowchilla mountain to Wawona and the other route passing by Miami Lodge and Fish Camp. From the point where this route leaves the All-Year road, a short distance south of Mariposa, there is a dirt mountain road through valleys and beside streams, and is a little narrow in places, but there are few grades, and none that present any difficulty.

In making a choice between the two roads to Wawona, the Chowchilla route is somewhat smoother at the present time, but an extremely heavy eight-mile grade is encountered. Most of this can be made in second gear, but there are some pitches which must be made in low gear with the average car. The other road via Fish Camp and Miami is now being scraped and should be in good condition in the near future. This route is 12 miles further, but passes through an unusually picturesque country. The grades are fairly easy, although there are one or two long ascents.

The highway from Wawona into the Yosemite Valley is in better condition than at any time in its history. It is very smooth, it has been widened, and no dust is encountered.

The bridge at Convict Camp on the Redwood highway a short distance beyond Crescent City has been rebuilt and is now open to traffic. During the time that this bridge was closed to traffic motorists were routed over the old road which was narrow, steep, and winding. The opening of this bridge now makes it possible for motorists to use the new highway from a point about six miles north of Crescent City into Adams Station.

In San Benito County, California, Vasquez Rock, a towering upthrust of pointed rock formation, rises several hundred feet above sea level. This particular rock is one of many massive domes and towers huddled together in a space of several acres and set down in a comparatively level landscape.

A good dirt road winding inland, leaving El Camino Real at Soledad, reaches this scenic spot at a southern point. From the north, entrance is made by the way of Hollister, Calif.

In the California bandit days, ending 50 years ago, the famous outlaw, Tiburcio Vasquez, hid for months in a cave at the base of one of these mighty rocks, hence the naming of Vasquez Rock. The cave, which also bears his name, extends for more than a hundred feet downward, divided into two compartments, one below the other. This out-of-the-way scenic spot with historical associations attracts many summer motorists who seek the less crowded points of interest.

The Red Bluffs-Eureka road is now open to travel and is in very good condition. This route is now the best lateral for traveling between the Redwood and Pacific highways, owing to the fact that the bridge over the Trinity River near Weaverville, which was washed out last winter, has not yet been restored. The lateral between Red Bluff and Eureka is narrow at points, and fairly heavy grades will be encountered, but in dry weather it is not a dangerous road for experienced mountain drivers, and good time can be made on it.

The roads to the Sonoma County geysers are now in excellent condition. The best route to follow in making the trip is to use the Redwood highway to Cloverdale. From this point turn on the Geysers road, returning over the Healdsburg highway. This makes a scenic and attractive trip. No heavy grades will be encountered on this road from Cloverdale in, but there are a few steep ascents on the Healdsburg route. If the above routing is followed all the grades will be descending and no difficulty will be encountered.

Huntington Lake is now accessible from Fresno over good roads. From Fresno the road is paved to Clovis, improved to Academy, and is now in excellent shape from Big Creek to the lake.

Considerable construction work has been done on the road between Big Creek and the lake. The highway has been scraped and widened, and is now in the best shape in its history. The Southern California Edison Company has also done a great deal of work on the road from the dam around the north shore of the lake as far as Lake Shore Resort. The road for the entire distance is dry and hard and there is little dust thus far, on account of the light travel.

Trout fishing is exceptionally good at the lake now. Jack Lloyd spinners with grub or angle worms is the bait which has been getting the best results. Some big ones have been taken, and many anglers report limit catches. While Huntington Lake season does not open until June 15, several of the resorts along the lake are open and offer excellent accommodations.

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7:00	7:00	B*6:51	B 8:47
8:20	*7:45	A 7:25	B 9:40
C9:15	8:20	B 8:13	B12:30 P.M.
10:25	9:15	B 8:47	B 2:30
11:25	10:25	B 9:40	B 4:35
12:25 P.M.	11:25	B10:40	B 6:25
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	10:45	B 8:40	
	†11:25	B 9:55	
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*Daily except Sundays and Holidays.
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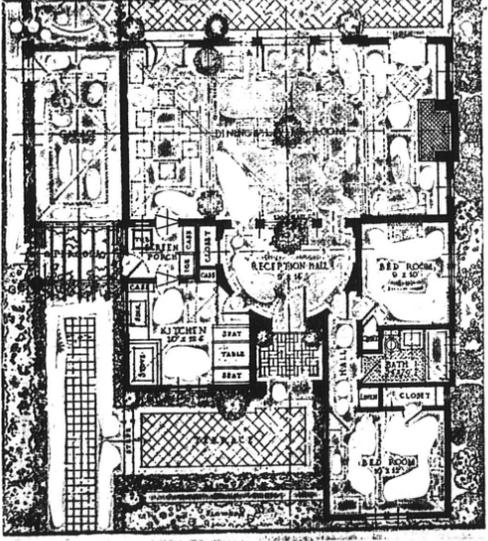
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Distinctive Hall Gives Tone to This Design

By ARTHUR R. HUTCHASON

There is a vast difference between originality that is genuine and the efforts of an unimaginative and untrained designer to be different at any cost. No one appreciates originality more than we do, but we deprecate the many crimes that are committed in its name. Queerness too often goes by the name of originality.

The house shown this week is truly original in one feature. That is in the hall. This feature gives a really distinctive house, which is a most difficult thing to get in a small bungalow on the small lot.

The plan of a semi-circular hall, as shown, is slightly more expensive, it is true, but the difference in cost between it and the usual one could be more than made up by omitting the usual useless and meretricious gew-gaws which are too often stuck about in the name of "ornament" and "uniqueness."

Really the nicest thing about this house is the fine way it opens up on the garden. The whole lot is used, because of course we buy and pay taxes on the rear of the lot as well as the front. It would be cheaper to store the rubbish barrel and tin-can box in a fire-proof storage warehouse than to use a plot of city land 50 feet by 50 feet for their sole occupancy.

The garage is well placed, accessible to the house, and on the service side all the service is together.

The bedrooms and bath are isolated from the rest of the house, which is always desirable. There are plenty of closets and they are where they are needed.

The garden could be really delightful. It requires little imagination to see how inviting the awning-covered terrace looking out over the garden could be.

Altogether this is a very interesting little house. It was designed by C. S. Cobb, and it is estimated to cost about \$7000.

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